GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE
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CRZ Norms
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to make any changes in Coastal Regulation Zone (CRZ) norms in the coastal regions in the country and if so, the details thereof;
(b) whether the Government has any plan to exclude small level construction activities like infrastructural developments related to fishing and storage purposes in the country from the CRZ norms and if so, the details thereof;
(c) if not, the action likely to be taken by the Government to meet the concerns of small scale fishing communities in the country; and
(d) the time by which the said changes in CRZ norms are likely to be finalized?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

(SHRI ANIL MADHAV DAVE)

(a): The Government has notified a draft amendment in coastal regulation zone notification, 2011 under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, inviting comments from the public on the following proposals:
(i) to permit temporary structures in CRZ areas of Goa during June to August in non-operational mode;
(ii) to allow construction of sewage treatment plant by municipal authorities in CRZ-I of Greater Mumbai;
(iii) to amend the list of chemicals permitted for storage in CRZ area except CRZ1(A); and
(iv) to vest the responsibility with Department of Environment in State Government/ Union Territory (UT) Administration for appraising the proposals as per the notification in case coastal zone management authority is non functional.
(b) and (c): No Sir, the provisions of CRZ Notification, 2011 are aligned to meet the concerns of small scale fishing communities of the country.
(d): As per Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, the timeline to finalise proposed amendment is 545 days.
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